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In re Appln. of: Johann Karl et al.

Appln. No.: 09/890,442

Filed: January 31, 2002

For: Assay for the Detection of N-Terminal proBNP

Examiner: James Leslie Grun, Ph.D.

Art Unit: 1641

Attorney Docket No: 9793/73
RDGmbH Ref. No: 18931-US/IR (5181/0Q/US)
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Attached is/are:

- ☒ Transmittal Letter (in duplicate); Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement; Form PTO-1449; Copy of Cited Reference (B1); Copy of Canadian Search Report
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

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- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Small Entity.
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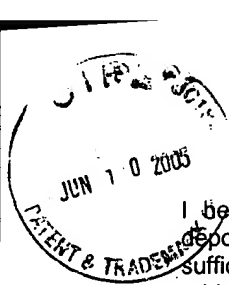
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- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$_____ . A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(d), Applicants hereby cite the following reference:

Other Art

Ogawa, Yoshihiro et al., "Molecular Cloning of the Complementary DNA and Gene that Encode Mouse Brain Natriuretic Peptide and Generation of Transgenic Mice that Overexpress the Brain Natriuretic Peptide Gene," *J. Clin. Invest.*, **1994**, 93, 1911-1921.

Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of the listed reference in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2). As the listed reference is in

English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary pursuant to 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3). Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above reference and entry thereof into the record of this application.

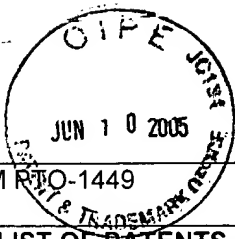
By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 CFR §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 CFR §1.56(a).

Applicants hereby certify pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(e)(1) that no item of information in this Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement (a copy of a Canadian Search Report first citing the listed reference is attached for the Examiner's reference). Applicants have further calculated a processing fee in the amount of \$180.00 to be due under 37 CFR §1.17(p) in connection with the filing of this Statement. Applicants have enclosed a check covering this fee, or authorized charging the fee to a deposit account or credit card, as indicated in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

June 7, 2005
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REFERENCE DESIGNATION U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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OTHER ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

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	B1	Ogawa, Yoshihiro et al., "Molecular Cloning of the Complementary DNA and Gene that Encode Mouse Brain Natriuretic Peptide and Generation of Transgenic Mice that Overexpress the Brain Natriuretic Peptide Gene," <i>J. Clin. Invest.</i> , 1994 , 93, 1911-1921.

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